

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was held Wednesday, October 1, 2003, at the lower conference room at City Hall. Leonard Bertin called the Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present: L. Bertin, member S. Burt, alternate
N. Johnson, member P. Manetta, alternate
D. Kuschinsky, member D. Pietron, member
J. Rodgers, member G. Yau, student

Also M. Grusnick, staff
Present: M. McGinnis, staff

Absent: C. Buchanan, member A. Done, member
K. Gauri, member D. House, member
J. Shah, alternate

ITEM B – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2003

Johnson made a motion that the Minutes of September 3, 2003 be approved. Supported by Burt. All voted in favor.

ITEM C – VISITORS, DELEGATIONS AND GENERAL PUBLIC

ITEM D – NEW BUSINESS

M. Grusnick reported on how the City of Troy voting precincts are complying with HAVA Legislation for the State of Michigan. The Clerk's office has confirmed that at the time the voting precincts were changed from schools to churches, all precincts were visited and found to comply with HAVA standards. Bertin commented that at the last election he was seated at a table with no screen for privacy. Bertin stated that this legislation is more concerned with voting machine issues and privacy issues than accessible into the building.

Bertin spoke to Matt Beodery, with the Oakland and Macomb Center for Independent Living. Mr. Beodery is interested in mass transit in the area and may come to the November meeting of this Committee to discuss changes in mass transit in this area. He would like this Committee to petition City Council to ask the State to consider less road expansion and to spend more money on mass transit.

Bertin has suggested to City Council that a member of the Advisory Committee for Disabilities become a member of the Parks and Recreation Board. It was suggested by City Council that the two Committees have a joint meeting to discuss if this would be plausible. Bertin is concerned that there is not enough representation of disabilities on the Parks and Recreation Board.

On October 9, 2003, there will be a joint meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreational Committee and the Advisory Board of Persons with Disabilities. This meeting will be held at the Troy Community Center at 7:30 p m. Bertin suggested that this Committee should provide the Parks and Recreation Committee with any agenda items it would like to discuss before that date.

This Committee believes the following items need to be discussed by both boards:

1. Accessibly of facilities
2. Accessibly in programming
3. Committees knowledge of ability and function
4. Update on Rotary Club contribution (will money be available from Rotary Club if name of park is not changed).

Members of the Disabilities Committee that will attend meeting are Bertin, Burt, Johnson, Manetta and Pietron. Members of the Committee that were absent for the October meeting will be called to see if they will attend.

ITEM E – REGULAR BUSINESS

Members of this Committee to attend City Council meetings for the month of October are as follows:

October 6, 2003 – Susan Buchanan and Grace Yau
October 20, 2003 – Dorothy Pietron

ITEM F – OLD BUSINESS

The Ability Expo that was held on Thursday night of the Troy Daze weekend was a great success. The following are some of the suggestions from vendors and guest that would improve the event.

Locate food and rides nearer tent.

Locate parking and bathrooms nearer tent.

Locate the tent at the tennis courts.

The display people should have been there earlier when senior citizens were there.

Expand vendors.

Bertin to delegate more duties.

ITEM G – INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Bertin has been invited to attend the meeting of the Ferndale Committee for Persons with Disabilities on October 9, 2003. As this is the same evening as the joint meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation and the Troy Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, Bertin will ask if he can attend in November instead.

Mike Harris is trying to get an Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities started in Westland, MI. Bertin will tele conference the meeting October 2003.

Monica Smith, Miss Wheelchair Michigan, has interest in having a Miss Wheelchair Pageant in Troy. Cindy Stewart of the Community Affairs Department for the City is also interested in having this event in Troy. Bertin would like to have Monica Smith and Cindy Stewart come to a meeting soon to discuss the possibly.

ITEM H – Adjourn

Rodgers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Pietron seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Leonard Bertin
Chairperson

Mary McGinnis
Recording Secretary